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# O Strawberry PLANTS

Spring and Fall

Price List - 1952

# **RENNIE BROS. PLANT FARM**

ANDOVER, MASSACHUSETTS
TELEPHONE 833

# Rennie Bros. 1952 Price List

# OF STRAWBERRY PLANTS

In presenting you with our Strawberry Plant Catalogue for 1952, we thank all our old and new customers for the orders given us in the past, and hope to have the pleasure of serving you in the future.

Some good reasons for giving Rennie Bros. your order. Because we have been in the strawberry plant business all our lives and should be a good authority on strawberry plants. Because our plants are all grown on new high land. Plants set on low, undrained land are more susceptible to disease. Our land is a light, sandy loam, which makes a good root system. Because we take plants fresh from the ground, pack and ship the same day. All plants are packed in light boxes or crates. A layer of moss is placed between the layer of plants. Delivered to you in good growing condition.

Success in the plant business depends entirely upon the success of customers and they can only succeed with strong, healthy plants of the best up-to-date varieties, well grown, well dug, and well packed. Our plants are all graded after being trimmed and all small and old plants or mother plants are discarded. We ship only one grade of plants— No. 1 grade. Our strawberry beds have been inspected by a strawberry expert and found true to name and free from disease.

Our shipping season begins April 1st and continues until around June 1st. Potted plants can be had from August 1st until October 1st. A great many people ask us if we put our plants in cold storage after they are dug. No, we do just the opposite. The plants are growing in the fields when your order arrives. Plants are taken right from the field to the packing house, trimmed and tied in bunches of 26, labeled, packed, and taken every day to the Post Office or Express Office in Andover, Mass. Plants handled this way should reach you in good condition.

Telephone Andover 833, Rennie Bros., Argilla Road, Andover, Mass.

### — 1952 SUGGESTIONS —

#### How To Grow Strawberries

Selecting and preparing the land is important in growing strawberries. Soil should be given the same thorough preparation for strawberries as any other crops. The strawberries will do well on nearly all kinds of soil if well drained. The largest crops are grown on land where there is plenty of humus plowed under so that the plants can get plenty of moisture at all times. The ideal strawberry land should be porous and well drained. A slight slope is desired to secure proper drainage—enough to carry off the melting snows so that ice will not cover the fields.

How much manure and fertilizer to be used depends on the condition of the soil. If plenty of barnyard manure has been applied to the crops preceding the strawberries, your land should be in good condition for strawberries.

We always plow plenty of green crops under before setting the plants—at least two crops. Cow-peas, clover, vetch and rye are very good. Sod land should be avoided as too many grubs are likely to be there.

Select a piece of land that has had a hoed crop for two years. If your land will wash away during the winter months, be sure and plant a cover crop. Land that is fairly level should be plowed late in the fall. We always plow again in the spring 10" deep and harrowed until it is quite loose. The finer the condition of the soil at planting time, the better for the crop and the easier to take care of it.

Plant strawberries on new land. On land that hasn't been set to strawberries for two or more years and that has had at least two good cover crops plowed under, and you will be assured of a good crop. Strawberry plants grown on new land are always free from disease.

#### What To Do With Rennie's New Land Plants

Set plants upon arrival if possible. If for any reason you are unable to plant as soon as plants arrive, the plants should be taken to some cool place, then taken from the crate; dampen the moss a little, replace back in crate, very lightly. Plants taken care of in this way should be in good condition for four or five days. If you are still unable to plant in four or five days, they should be heeled in a V shaped trench. Make your trench 6" deep with a little slope so that plants will stand up. Untie the bunches, spread them in layers in the trench firmly with the earth up against the roots and keep the crowns just level with the surface. Keep the plants shaded for a few days and water to give them a good start. Plants will keep this way for a long time. Always keep the labels with the plants so as not to get them mixed.

#### Time To Plant

The best time to plant is as soon as the ground can be plowed and harrowed. The earlier the better. April 1 to June 1 for spring setting. August and September for fall setting. All things being equal, strawberry plants do better when set early where the land is moist and before the plants have had a chance to grow much.

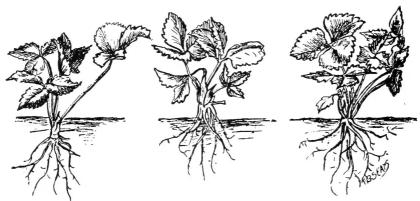
# **Setting Plants**

After the ground is in perfect condition, mark the rows out with any kind of a light marker, being sure to get the rows straight and the same distance apart. Our plants are all trimmed ready to set which will save you a lot of time and a much better job can be done in planting. Any tool that will make a hole deep enough to get the roots down straight, (not slanting as often is done, near the surface where they will dry out). We always make a hole about 5" deep, 4" wide with a V shaped instrument.

Lay the roots of the plants in, fan shaped and press the ground firmly against them; just firm enough to prevent the air reaching the roots and drying them. Get the moist deeper earth to the roots and not the dry top soil. Watering is only necessary in very dry seasons.

Remember, there is a correct way to plant. It is to keep the crown level with the ground. (As shown in the accompanying illustration). If planted too deep the plant is likely to smother. if planted too high the exposed roots will dry.

Always keep the crown uncovered. If in planting or cultivating it becomes covered, uncover it. This is the part in which the fruit is developed.



Strawberry plants set at various depths; left-hand plant set too deep; middle one too shallow; right hand just right.

#### Distance Apart

Three main systems of training strawberry plants. Matted row, the Well-spaced row and the Hills. The Matted row is the easiest and is the most used. Plants are set in rows 4 feet apart with plants set 18 inches to 2 feet in the row, runners are

allowed to set at will 'til they make a row 2 feet wide, all runners cut off after that. Some growers cut all runners off after the rows get 1 foot wide. The well-spaced row should be set in rows 4 feet apart and 18 inches in the row. Let each plant make about 6 or 8 new plants if they are put at the sides and between the parent plants that will be just right. All runners should be cut off after they make the required amount.

When planted in hills, plants are set 3 rows, 20 inches apart and the same distance in the row, then a space of 3 feet left for the cultivator and 3 rows as before—2 rows are often set instead of 3. Cut or pull off all runners as they appear.

# How Many Plants To Set An Acre

Multiply the distance between the row by the distance in the row and divide by the number of sq. ft. in an acre which is 43560. If plants are set 4 feet by 18 inches divide 43560 by 6 which will give you 7260.

# Cultivating

Cultivating should start as soon as the plants are set, also hoed and if any of the plants have been set too deep or covered for any reason, uncover them as thy never amount to much if the crown is covered.

We always use a 14 tooth cultivator. The narrow teeth allow you to get closer to the row without covering the plants. The end teeth on each side of the cultivator should be raised up a little so it will not dig down too deep, so as not to injure the roots and throw the earth on to the crown. Up until the plants begin to run, we always cultivate twice in the same row which does away with a lot of extra hoeing.

Keep up the cultivating and hoeing; do not let the winter get in with a lot of weeds in the strawberry bed. We always cultivate once a week up until the late fall or the growth stops in the fall.

Never cultivate the following fruit year as the roots are too close to the surface.

#### Removing Blossoms and Mulching

All blossoms should be removed from the June varieties, as they appear the first year they are set out; if the blossoms are allowed to stay on until the berries begin to form, they never do so well. Mulching is applied for four reasons: first, it protects the plants from freezing and thawing in the winter; second, it keeps the fruit clean during a rainy spell; third, also helps to smother weeds; and fourth, it preserves moisture during the fruiting season.

The best time to cover the strawberry bed is just as soon as the ground is frozen hard enough to hold up team or truck. We generally start around the last of November or the first part of December and when the plants begin to grow in the spring, rake off most of the hay, and place between the rows leaving a little on top of the rows so that the plants can grow up through.

Any material will do for mulching provided it is free from weeds and does not pack down too hard to smother the plants. We always use rye straw—one inch deep is plenty after it settles down—it takes about three tons to an acre.

# EMPIRE

The Empire, Erie and Essex have just been named by the New York Agricultural Experiment Station.

Empire is a cross between the Dresden and Sparkle. The plants are vigorous and make plenty of runners, a heavy yielder of large berries that hold their size throughout the picking season. The color is very attactive, light red and a better shipper than the Howard 17 and better quality. Comes into bearing 4 to 6 days later than the Howard 17. Well recommended for a trial.

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#### ERIE

Erie is a cross between the Sparkle and Howard 17. The quality of the Erie is about the same as Howard 17. Ripens about one week later than the Howard 17 or about the same time as the Sparkle. Color is medium red bright, good shipper. The berries are large and hold their size throughout the season. The principal merit of the Erie is the heavy yield of attractive berries which ripen late. Well recommended for a trial.

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#### ESSEX

Essex, the value appears to be as an extra early variety, of good quality for the home garden. It is rather small and soft for a market variety. The plants are vigorous and productive. A cross between the Howard 17 and Deutsch Evern, a German variety. These reports are from the New York Agri. Experiment Station, Geneva, N. Y. The Empire, Erie and Essex are well recommended for a trial.

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#### ADIRONDACK

A cross between Howard 17 and Fairfax, very vigorous grower, free from disease and good plant maker. Good size and yields over a long period. We have never fruited this variety. It is well liked by those who have tried it. Well worth a trial.

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## CATSKILL MID-SEASON TO LATE

The Catskill was originated by the New York Agricultural College, a cross between the Marshall and Howard 17. A very vigorous grower and healthy plant should be thinned out a little for best results. Ripens a few days later than the Howard 17, about the same time as Fairfax. Berries are very large and hold their size to the very last picking. Bright red with a bright green cap that stands up well. In a well spaced row it is the heaviest producing mid-season berry we have. Bringing more money than any other variety.

We never hesitate to recommend Catskill as our best midseason variety for home, garden, or market. We have a nice lot of Catskill for the Spring, 1952.

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## HOWARD 17 (PREMIER)

#### EARLY

An old favorite and one of the most profitable strawberries grown today. The Howard 17 has the longest fruiting season of any and is considered one of the healthiest plants grown being free from rust or leaf spots. It bears large crops on any type of soil if well drained. The berries begin to ripen early, they have a uniform shape, medium bright red, with a large green cap, makes runners freely and should be thinned out for best results. We consider the Howard 17 the best all around berry at the present time. One of the heaviest yielders, our customers report they have picked 15,000 qts. to the acre. The Howard 17 is also known as Premier. Please order by true name Howard 17.

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# TEMPLE MID-SEASON

A cross between Fairfax and Aberdeen. Temple is very productive. Berries are large light red with dark green caps. Good shippers, very attractive when packed. Vigorous grower and heavy yielder. Requires plenty of moisture for best results. All growers should plant Temple. Resistant to Red Stele Disease.

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# PEARL LATE

This is an extra late variety, produces berries after all other varieties are all through. Makes plants freely and needs springy soil to be at their best. Pearl strawberries are produced in great

abundance. They average very large in size, has a little green tip when picked but ripens overnight. Berries make a fine appearance when packed and is an excellent shipper. Growers who want to extend their fruiting season at least one week should plant Pearl Late. Whether you are in the business in a large scale or for your own home use, a long fruiting season is what you want.

Plant Howard 17 Early, Catskill Mid-season and Pearl Late and your picking season should last about six weeks.

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# FAIRFAX

#### EARLY

Fairfax like the Dorsett was originated by the United States Department of Agriculture, a cross between the Royal Soverin and Howard 17. Fairfax is like the Dorsett in some respects with dark green foliage and such a heavy plant maker that it should be thinned out a little for best results. Berries of Fairfax are larger than the Dorsett or Howard 17 and stand shipping better. It is the most solid berry of them all, turns a little dark after being picked which is not in its favor, but being such a fine flavored berry and good shipper it is largely planted. With us it's the best home berry we have. Ripens a few days later than Howard 17. Some growers find Fairfax to yield as much as the Howard 17. From our experience the Fairfax is a good yielder of the finest flavor of any berry ever grown. If you have never planted Fairfax, try some this year, you will not be disappointed.

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# FAIRLAND

#### EARLY

Fairland is a new variety. A cross between Fairfax and Aberdeen. Early to mid-season. Heavy yielder of bright red berries and good for shipping. A very vigorous grower, resistant to the Red Stele Disease. Flavor is excellent quality. Plants are limited. Order early.

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# SPARKLE

#### MID-SEASON TO LATE

Sparkle is a new variety. Well recommended in all strawberry catalogues. We have fruited this variety for 3 years and find it a heavy yielder of smooth red berries, a big green cap, fine flavor and good shipper. Berries are above average size. The plants have a dark healthy foliage and are vigorous. Resistant to Red Stele Disease. This is one we plant for our main crop. One of the best for the deep freeze.

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# ROBINSON (SCARLET BEAUTY) MID-SEASON TO LATE

This is a variety that everyone should try. A cross between the Howard 17 and Washington varieties. It is a heavy yielder of large berries, light in color and very easy to pick. With us it makes too many new plants so should be thinned out for best results. Robinson is a very healthy plant and from all reports is a favorite with our customers. Order early as plants are limited.

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#### FAIRPEAKE

#### LATE

A cross between Chesapeake and Fairfax. A vigorous grower of healthy plants, large size berries and good for shipping. Considered a high quality late berry. For home use it is hard to beat. Good berry for the deep freeze. We highly recommend Fairpeake for a trial.

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#### RED STAR

#### LATE

Red Star, a cross of Fairfax and Chesapeake. It is a very late berry and a bright red color, good size and excellent shipper. Good plant maker and fine flavor. Should be planted on heavy land. Red Star is well worth a trial. Good for home garden or market. Plants are limited. Order early.

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# - MIDLAND EARLY

A cross between Howard 17 and Red Heart. We fruited this variety last year for the first time. It is a vigorous grower and heavy yielder, large firm red berries, good for shipping and excellent quality. One of our best early varieties. Good for deep freeze.

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# GREAT BAY MID-SEASON TO LATE

The latest introduction of strawberry plants. A cross between the Catskill and Simcoe. Originated at the University of Durham, New Hampshire. We fruited this variety 2 years and find it is all the originator claims it to be. It is described as a large bright red berry of the Catskill type. Very healthy plants standing well above the blossoms as frost protection. A heavy yielder if properly fertilized and has a good supply of water, it will produce more berries per plant than any plant on the market today. It bears the berries on clusters and they ripen uniformly. Berries are easy to pick and good shippers. We have a fine healthy stock of Great Bay. There is a big demand for this new variety. The supply of plants are not too plentiful. Order early.

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#### DORSETT

#### EARLY

Dorsett was originated by the United States Department of Agriculture, is considered by those who have tried it to be a good shipper, more firm than the Howard 17. The foliage is dark green, and holds its color till the end of the season. It is a heavy plant grower and should be thinned out to do its best. Dorsett berries have a fine appearance, color is light red and stand up a long time after being picked. Ripens about the same time as Howard 17, is much larger with a better flavor but not as large as the Fairfax or Catskill.

No one should pass up this variety without a good trial. Good for market or home garden. Flavor is far superior to any variety we have unless the Fairfax. At its best there is no better berry. Plants limited. Order early.

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#### VALENTINE EARLY

The earliest strawberry on the market. One week earlier than the Howard 17, not as large, but firmer and darker and a fine market berry. Plants are large, sturdy, free from disease. Valentine is a cross between Howard 17 and Vanguard. It makes a good fruiting row. We recommend the Valentine for anyone who would like to try such an early berry.

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#### GEM EVERBEARING

Gem is the best everbearing berry with us. Plants set in April and May will fruit until the ground freezes. It is the most popular and profitable fall strawberry on the market. Plants are very healthy. Berries are almost round in shape, heavy yielder and ship well. Our customers report they make more money with the Gem Everbearing than any other fall bearing variety. Those who have not been successful with other everbearers should try Gem.

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#### NEW SUPERFECTION EVERBEARING

New Superfection is a heavy yielder, a large red berry and good flavor also makes a good fruiting row. It is well recommended. Why not give it a trial.

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#### STREAMLINER NEW **EVERBEARING**

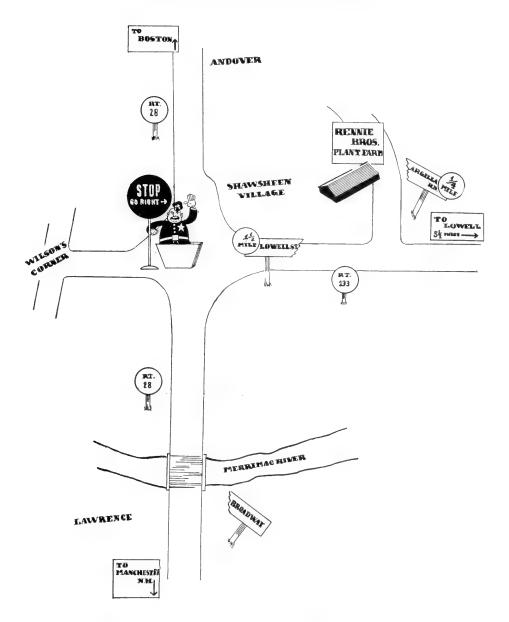
This is the newest. Everbearing is very highly recommended by all who have tried it. With us the first picking was on Aug. 1st, the last picking on Nov. 15. A good variety to try.

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#### HOW TO GET TO

#### RENNIE BROS. PLANT FARMS



The easiest way to Rennie Bros. Plant Farms is to get on Route 28, Boston-Lawrence highway and drive to Shawsheen Village (three miles from Lawrence) and take Route 133 going west towards Lowell. Argilla Road is one and one-half miles on left hand side from Shawsheen Village and Rennie Bros. Plant Farms is one quarter-mile from Route 133 on Argilla Road. From Lowell take Route 133 on Andover Street. Argilla Road is on right one mile beyond Haggetts Pond.

#### EVERBEARING

Everbearing varieties should be planted in the spring as soon as the ground can be worked on land that is very rich that has had some good green crop turned under, owing to the everbearing varieties having a longer fruiting period than the June varieties. Land should be made much richer before setting to plants. If no manure is available, we plow under green crops for humus and broadcast from 1200 to 1500 lbs. of 5-8-7 fertilizer per acre before setting to plants well harrowed in. During the season that is the first year they are set out, we apply about 8 to 10 quarts of fertilizer to a 200 foot row. This amount should be put on each month, say May, June, July and again in September. This keeps them in good growing condition. After each application, plants should be hoed and rows cultivated to cover the fertilizer.

Keep the fertilizer 2 or 3 inches away from the plants as it is sure to burn if applied when wet. If plants are dry, it is all right to broadcast on top of the plants but be sure to brush off.

The blossoms should be removed every two weeks up until July 1st or until the plants get a good size. In about three weeks after that, the berries should begin to ripen and keep fruiting until the ground freezes. Never pull off blossoms after the first year they are set. Let them fruit when they will.

Everbearing kinds should be planted in the hills or a well spaced row. Plants grown this way produce large strong healthy plants with big crowns each often yielding one quart of berries or more the first year they are set out. Sometimes it is best to plow the bed under after the second year. Keep the bed free from weeds, and it can be made to produce paying crops for three or more years.

One should be careful in using hen manure to raise a strawberry crop, as too much hen manure causes too many vines, at the expense of the cop. It should be well mixed with a good balanced fertilizer. Hen manure should never be used alone on a strawberry bed.

All our plants are perfect flowering varieties, and will bear a full crop if planted alone.

# We hope to have the pleasure of supplying you with plants this year if only a trial order

Understand we pay the postage in the first, second and third zone from Andover, Mass. We never ship plants C.O.D to anyone, nor do we book orders and reserve plants unless one-fourth of purchase price is paid when order is sent. Owing to limited supply of some varieties, orders should be sent in early.

## Fall Set Plants for Fancy Fruit

# POT GROWN STRAWBERRY PLANTS

Potted plants set in August and September will bear a full crop next summer. The finest and largest berries are grown if kept in the hills. Prepare land the same as you would for spring set plants. Potted plants are easy to set, easy to grow. They can be hoed and cultivated the same as spring set plants. We always cover the ground between the rows and around the plants with hay or pine needles. Lawn clippings are very good, just as soon as the plants are set. No more work is required only to cut or pull off the runners as they appear, then after the ground freezes up for the winter, add more covering right on top of the plants.

Fall set plants should have more covering than spring set plants. There is no way that one can get as good a crop of berries with so little effort as when potted plants are set in August and September.

Potted plants should be set in double rows, 10 or 12 inches apart and the same distance in the row. Then a space of 3 feet 6 inches for cultivating and two rows as before. Everbearing kinds should have all the blossoms picked off the first season. The following year, let the blossoms stay on; let them fruit when they will. Potted plants should be ordered early so as to get the varieties wanted. We make no charge for packing potted plants.

We promise you good plants, well rooted. True to name and packed so as to reach you in the best condition possible and our prices are not too high.—Rennie Bros.



#### POTTED STRAWBERRY PLANTS

We ship by parcel post prepaid in the first, second, and third zone, beyond the third zone ask for delivery prices from Andover, Mass., or have plants sent by express, customer to pay express charges. We offer for sale Howard 17, Catskill, Fairfax, Sparkle, Robinson, Dorsett and Great Bay, at \$11.00 per 100 plants. Parcel Post prepaid in the first, second, and third zone. When shipped by express, customer to pay express charges or called for at the farm, the charge is \$2.00 less per 100 plants. When ordering potted plants 2 or more varieties may be ordered at this price. 100 plants or more should be sent by express. Potted plants delivered by truck if the distance is not too great and the order is worthwhile. Ask for delivery prices by truck. Potted plants should be ordered 3 weeks in advance to be sure of delivery when wanted.

# When Better Commercial Varieties Are Available RENNIE BROS. WILL HAVE THEM

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

#### STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Official Certificate No. 84

Boston, July 25, 1951

#### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

This is to certify that I have this twenty-fifth day of July, completed the inspection of the strawberry stock of Rennie Bros. grown at Andover, State of Massachusetts, and find it to be apparently free from all injurious insects and diseases which might be transferred on nursery stock from the nursery to the orchard or garden.

This certificate good until July 1, 1952.

Inspected by P. C. KUZMISKI

(Signed) Q. S. LOWRY Asst. Director

## HOW TO REMIT

Orders should be sent as soon as possible after receiving this catalogue.

Claims must be made on receipt of plants so that mistakes, should any have been made, may be promptly corrected. All our plants are growing in the fields when your order is received. We take the greatest care in digging, trimming and packing your plants so that they will reach you in the best condition possible.

We always take the greatest care to have our plants true to name but should any prove otherwise we will not be liable for any amount greater than paid for the plants.

There are so many causes for failure over which we have no control, that we can assume no responsibility after plants are delivered in good order to Express or Post Office in Andover, Mass.

Post Office money orders, Express money orders, Registered letter, or Personal check. If it is not convenient to send full amount with order send one-fourth of the amount and your order will be booked, then the rest when your order is shipped. Please do not send money in a letter unless it is registered. Orders acknowledged the same day received unless we ship the following

In sending your order to Rennie Bros. remember you get just what your order calls for; if we are sold out of any variety ordered, we will notify you by return mail and will wait until we hear from you before we substitute.

Address all letters to Rennie Bros. Plant Farm, Argilla Road, Andover, Mass.

Telephone Service at All Times — 833

Rennie Bros. Plant Farm

Andover, Massachusetts

# THESE PEOPLE DID NOT



These People Bought Their Plants From Rennie Bros. Now turn this upside down

#### Number of Plants to set an acre

Plants in Row	Space between Rows	No. of Plants
18 inches	48 inches	7260
24 inches	48 inches	5445
18 inches	42 inches	8300
24 inches	36 inches	7250
18 inches	36 inches	9680
24 inches	42 inches	6223

#### ORDER EARLY

Set your plants on well prepared land and give them the proper care. Set out only what you can take care of. 300 or 400 plants will supply a good sized family with all that they can use and some to spare. It has been proven many times that one acre of plants well taken care of will produce more berries than two acres not properly taken care of.

Near the end of the season we often find we are short of some varieties. When sending your order please state if we can substitute or not. When making out your order be sure and add each variety separately. **No. C.O.D.** 

This little catalogue is our only means of advertising so if you want Rennie Bros. High Grade Strawberry Plants be sure and order early from this catalogue.

#### WARNING

In no case should lime be put on land the same year it is going to be set to strawberry plants. If your land is well drained and will grow good vegetables there will be no need of lime. I see no benefit by its use and sometimes a lot of harm can be done.

# Special Offer!

Delivered to you prepaid to the first, second, and third zone by Parcel Post. These selections should supply you with the finest berries from early season to late.

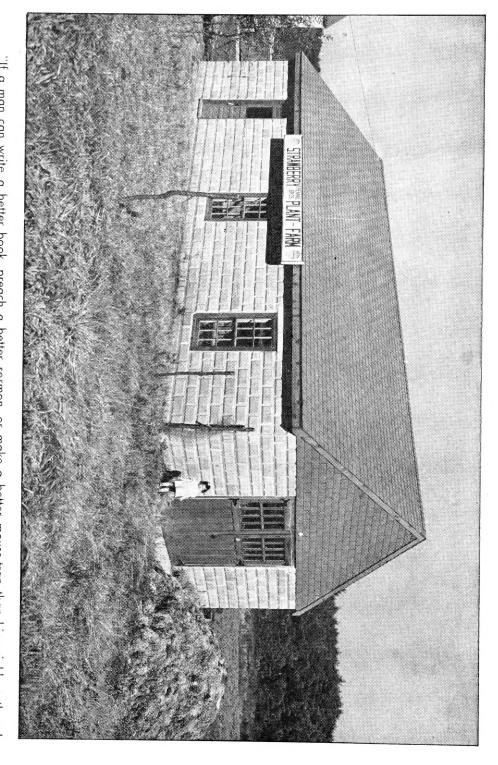
No. 1	No. 2	No. 3
25 Howard 17 25 Fairfax 25 Catskill 25 Red Star 25 Gem Everbearing All for \$5.00	100 Howard 17 100 Fairfax 100 Catskill 100 Red Star 100 Gem Everbearing All for \$15.00	200 Howard 17 200 Fairfax 200 Catskill 200 Red Star 200 Gem Everbearing All for \$28.00
No. 4	No. 5	No. 6
25 Midland 25 Temple 25 Robinson 25 Sparkle 25 Great Bay	100 Midland 100 Temple 100 Robinson 100 Sparkle 100 Great Bay	200 Midland 200 Temple 200 Robinson 200 Sparkle 200 Great Bay
All for \$5.00	All for \$15.00	All for \$25.00
No. 7	No.	8
<ul> <li>25 Gem Everbearing</li> <li>25 Superfection Ever</li> <li>25 Dorsett</li> <li>25 Midland</li> <li>25 Pearl Late</li> <li>25 Great Bay</li> </ul>		and Late
All for \$6.00	I	All for \$12.00

#### BY PARCEL POST PREPAID

Isn't it the most practical and reasonable thing in the world that everyone should place their orders where they get the greatest value for the money invested? Take advantage of this offer and save money.

Tel. 833, Rennie Bros.

Argilla Road, Andover, Mass.



"If a man can write a better book, preach a better sermon, or make a better mouse-trap than his neighbor, though he build his house in the woods, the world will make a beaten path to his door."—Emerson.